

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 2, line 9 and ending at line 13. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

a1 ~~It has recently become desirous, to provide an effective use of resources and in consideration of the environment, to recover and reclaim marketed products (apparatuses) to reuse, at a certain rate, and materials used for the products.~~

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 2, line 21 and ending at line 26. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

a2 ~~However, even if it is assured that such a unit having a long service life is reusable within a product (apparatus) after enduring service under severe environmental conditions, it is desirous but has been impossible to determine the severity of the service conditions the unit has undergone within the recovered product.~~

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 2, line 27 and ending at page 3, line 8. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

a3 cont. ~~In other words, a product (apparatus) containing such a component unit therein might have been either used, for example, in a well air-conditioned environment or used all day long under the scorching heat of the sun, until the end of its service life. However, it has been hardly~~

possible to simply examine the used component unit for latent deterioration in a nondestructive manner before it is recycled for reuse in another product after its previous service.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 3, line 20 and ending a page 4, line 7. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

Accordingly, when the apparatus is recovered after the end of service life thereof, the environmental history indicator member makes it possible to find what kinds of environment the unit has been used in, by measuring the deteriorated state of the property of the environmental history indicator member, i.e., finding how the property has deteriorated, with an inspection device or the like. Therefore, the unit can be decided to be reused or to be not reused (for example, sending the unit to a material based classifying recycling process) based on more complete information. Thus, the environmental history indicator member permits a management system to be simply and efficiently arranged for recovering and reusing the unit contained in the apparatus.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 8, line 1 and ending at line 8. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

In order to perform accurate quality control over such differences in damage rate, the environmental history indicator member 2, which has been formed beforehand in such a shape as to match with an inspection device 5, is removed from the body 3 of the recovered apparatus to

examine, with the inspection device 5, any changes in the property of the environmental history indicator member 2.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 9, line 19 and ending at line 28. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

all - According to the arrangement of the embodiment of the invention described above, a deteriorated state of property of the environmental history indicator member 2 is measured by means of the inspection device 5. By this inspection method, it is possible to find in what kind of environment the lens unit 1 has been used within the recovered apparatus. A decision then can be accurately made as to whether or not the lens unit 1 can be reused. Therefore, a recovering and reusing management system for the lens unit 1 can be simply and efficiently arranged.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 11, line 14 and ending at line 27. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

an Cont - According to the invention, as described above, an environmental history indicator member which does not participate in the functions of the apparatus and has such a property that varies or deteriorates according to the environmental history of service of the apparatus is used and the state of deterioration in property of the environmental history indicator member is measured with an inspection device. Accordingly, it is possible to find what kind of environment the unit has undergone so far inside the recovered apparatus. Thus, the unit can be accurately